



MEDIA RELEASE

EASTSIDE CRACK DEALER ARRESTED

Most Crack Seen Locally in Two Years

SANTA BARBARA, CA – 2-21-2012 – A few weeks ago, SBPD narcotic detectives obtained information about a drug dealer living at a residence in the 300 block of N. Nopal Street. During surveillance, detectives saw that the suspect would deal drugs from his house and meet customers on foot in the neighborhood near his house. At one point, detectives observed a young child playing on the front porch of the suspect's residence. Detectives were concerned about the safety of children and made this case a priority.

February 17, 2012, SBPD detectives went to Nopal Street to serve a search warrant at the suspect's residence. Detectives saw the suspect, Pedro DeLaCruz Pastor, age 27, as he was walking away from his home. They arrested him without incident. Inside of Pastor's pockets was 12 grams of cocaine base. Detectives then searched his residence and found an additional 4 ounces of cocaine base and \$814 cash. This form of Cocaine base is commonly known as 'crack cocaine.' The approximate street value of the cocaine base is \$3,200. Pastor was booked at jail for possession of cocaine, transportation, and possession for sales. Narcotic detectives commented that this was the largest amount of 'crack cocaine' located at one time on one suspect in years.

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